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Senate Notice Paper

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The Senate meets at midday

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Notices of motion

A proposed resolution that a senator intends to put to the Senate for debate and/or a vote. Notice is given so others have time to consider the proposal.

Orders of the day

Items of business the Senate has scheduled to carry out or consider on a particular day. These can include continued debate on a bill or motion, or the presentation of a report or other document.



Business listed for today



Matters of privilege

- Proposed references to the Privileges Committee



Business of the Senate

Includes:

- disallowance motions
- references to standing committees
- committee reports to be presented



Government business

Initiated by ministers

- Government bills
- proposed changes to the order of business



General business

Initiated by senators who are not ministers

- notices of motion
- continued debate on previous motions



Available for debate on...

MONDAYS



Private senators' business

THURSDAYS



Documents



Committee reports and government responses



Auditor-General's reports



Business listed for future consideration

Lists any **notice of motion** or **order of the day** to be considered at a specific time in the future. For example, a committee report ordered to be presented on a specific date. Dates on which ministers have been ordered to produce documents are included here.

Any business to which a date cannot be allocated, will be placed at the end of the section.



Other information



Questions on notice

Numbers of all unanswered questions on notice



Orders of the Senate

An action the Senate requires to take place

- new or amendments of standing orders
- temporary orders of the Senate



Contingent notices

Motions to suspend standing orders that can be called upon when a specific event occurs



Ministerial representation

Senate ministers and the portfolios they represent

*Notifications prefixed by an * appear for the first time.*

Further information can be found at www.aph.gov.au/Senate/business

Business for today

Business of the Senate—Notices of motion

Notice given 26 August 2020

- 1 **Senator O'Neill:** To move—That the Corporations Amendment (Litigation Funding) Regulations 2020, made under the *Corporations Act 2001*, be disallowed [F2020L00942].

Ten sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

Notice given 1 September 2020

- 2 **Senator Lambie:** To move—That the provisions of the National Commissioner for Defence and Veteran Suicide Prevention Bill 2020 be referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 27 August 2021.

- 3 **Senator Hanson-Young:** To move—That the following matter be referred to the Environment and Communications References Committee for inquiry and report by the second sitting Tuesday of 2021:

The Government's proposed reduction in the assessment and decision time frames for 15 major projects under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act), including:

- (a) the process by which the need for a major projects list was decided upon;
- (b) the process for determining the criteria for the major projects list and by which the 15 major projects were identified;
- (c) any proposed or realised actions by the Government for the reduction in assessment and decision time frame, including the impact of that reduction on the integrity of the assessment process, the impact on protection of the environment, biodiversity and heritage values and on expected assessment and the impact on decision time frames for other projects undergoing EPBC Act assessment;
- (d) any interactions of the major projects process with the 10-year review of the EPBC Act and other proposed reforms to the EPBC Act already identified by the Government;
- (e) potential conflicts of interest that may have arisen through the major projects process; and
- (f) any other related matters.

Government business—Orders of the day

- 1 **Higher Education Support Amendment (Job-Ready Graduates and Supporting Regional and Remote Students) Bill 2020**—(*Assistant Minister for Superannuation, Financial Services and Financial Technology, Senator Hume*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (1 September 2020).
- *2 **National Radioactive Waste Management Amendment (Site Specification, Community Fund and Other Measures) Bill 2020**—(*Assistant Minister for Finance, Charities and Electoral Matters, Senator Seselja*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (12 June 2020).
- 3 **Customs Amendment (Product Specific Rule Modernisation) Bill 2019**—(*Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (11 November 2019).
- 4 **Social Security (Administration) Amendment (Income Management to Cashless Debit Card Transition) Bill 2019**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (2 December 2019).
- 5 **Migration Amendment (Strengthening the Character Test) Bill 2019**—(*Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, Senator Birmingham*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (19 September 2019).
- 6 **Sport Integrity Australia Amendment (World Anti-Doping Code Review) Bill 2020—(Senate bill)**—(*Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (26 August 2020).
- 7 **Family Law Amendment (Risk Screening Protections) Bill 2020—(Senate bill)**—(*Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (26 August 2020).
- *8 **Migration Amendment (Prohibiting Items in Immigration Detention Facilities) Bill 2020**—(*Assistant Minister for Superannuation, Financial Services and Financial Technology, Senator Hume*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (2 September 2020).
- 9 **Treasury Laws Amendment (More Flexible Superannuation) Bill 2020**—(*Assistant Minister for Finance, Charities and Electoral Matters, Senator Seselja*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (31 August 2020).
- 10 **Crimes Legislation Amendment (Combatting Corporate Crime) Bill 2019—(Senate bill)**—(*Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (2 December 2019).
- 11 **New Skilled Regional Visas (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2019**—(*Minister for Families and Social Services, Senator Ruston*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).

- 12 **Social Services Legislation Amendment (Drug Testing Trial) Bill 2019—**
 (Minister for Families and Social Services, Senator Ruston)
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).
- 13 **Social Services Legislation Amendment (Payment Integrity) Bill 2019—**
 (Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians, Senator Colbeck)
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (3 December 2019).
- 14 **Migration Amendment (Streamlining Visa Processing) Bill 2019**
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (11 September 2019).
- 15 **National Consumer Credit Protection Amendment (Mandatory Credit Reporting and Other Measures) Bill 2019—***(Minister for Youth and Sport, Senator Colbeck)*
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (5 February 2020).
- 16 **Treasury Laws Amendment (Reuniting More Superannuation) Bill 2020—**
 (Minister for Families and Social Services, Senator Ruston)
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (12 February 2020).
- 17 **Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment (Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority Board and Other Improvements) Bill 2019—***(Minister for Families and Social Services, Senator Ruston)*
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (5 December 2019).
- 18 **Fair Work Laws Amendment (Proper Use of Worker Benefits) Bill 2019**
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (11 September 2019).
- 19 **Currency (Restrictions on the Use of Cash) Bill 2019—***(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)*
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (11 November 2019).
- 20 **Australian Business Growth Fund Bill 2019**
 In committee (27 February 2020).

General business—Notices of motion

A complete list of all general business notices of motion and orders of the day remaining on the Notice Paper is published at: www.aph.gov.au/Senate/business

Notice given 26 August 2020

753 **Senators McCarthy and Dodson:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes the resolution of 8 October 1992 relating to the display of the Australian Flag in the Senate chamber;
- (b) resolves that, consistent with its previous resolution, the Aboriginal Flag and the Torres Strait Islander Flag be displayed alongside the Australian flag in the Senate chamber; and
- (c) directs that the flags be installed within three weeks after the passage of this resolution.

Notice given 2 September 2020

780 **Senator Steele-John:** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the law in relation to Royal Commissions, and for related purposes. ***Royal Commissions Amendment (Confidentiality Protections) Bill 2020.***

Notice of motion altered on 3 September 2020 pursuant to standing order 77

783 **Senator Whish-Wilson:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) in 1999, the first National Packaging Covenant was developed under the National Environment Protection (Used Packaging Materials) Measure,
 - (ii) in 2005, the second National Packaging Covenant set a recycling target of 30% to 35% of plastic packaging to be achieved by 2010,
 - (iii) in 2010, the Action Plan for the third Australian Packaging Covenant did not include a specific recycling target for plastic packaging,
 - (iv) in 2018, the fourth Australian Packaging Covenant included a recycling target of 70% of plastic packaging to be achieved by 2025, and
 - (v) the current rate of recycling for plastic packaging is 16%, which is only 50% of the 2005 target; and
- (b) acknowledges that:
 - (i) packaging is a significant source of problematic single-use plastic in the waste stream and the marine environment,
 - (ii) the Australian community is demanding federal leadership on solving the current waste crisis,
 - (iii) voluntary targets for plastic packaging recycling have never been met, and
 - (iv) in twenty years, no enforcement action has been taken or penalties levied on the Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation or any other organisation by state or federal authorities over failure to meet recycling targets.

- 784 **Senators Chisholm, Watt and Green:** To move—That the Senate notes—
- (a) the decision by the Liberal National Party in Queensland to preference the Greens in the state seat of South Brisbane; and
 - (b) with concern:
 - (i) that this decision increases the chances of a minority government in Queensland, and
 - (ii) the Greens policies would do great economic damage to Queensland at a time when every job is vital as we look to recover from COVID-19.
- 785 **Senator Brown:** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) notes that:
 - (i) 3 September is Merchant Navy Day, and
 - (ii) the Merchant Navy was comprised of mostly civilian crews and was responsible for ensuring that valuable cargo reached the personnel who needed it most; the merchant navy ships and their crew – merchant mariners – often served in very challenging and dangerous circumstances – many did so without defences as they were often unarmed, and merchant vessels were attacked in distant waters and within sight of the Australian coastline, while crossing common trade routes;
 - (b) acknowledges the invaluable role the Merchant Navy has played in the more than 100 years since it first served our nation, especially in both world wars; and
 - (c) pays tribute to the bravery and sacrifices of our merchant mariners, who have served our nation with distinction.
- 786 **Chair of the Economics References Committee (Senator Gallacher):** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) notes that:
 - (i) the Economics References Committee has repeatedly requested information relevant to its inquiry into Australia’s sovereign naval shipbuilding capacity from the Department of Defence, and
 - (ii) in response to requests for information made on 24 February, 5 May, 3 June and 18 June 2020, the Department of Defence either failed to respond or failed to raise a public interest immunity claim when declining to provide the information;
 - (b) considers that, as a matter of parliamentary oversight, it is vital that the committee obtain the requested information so that it is not impeded in its inquiry;
 - (c) reaffirms the principle that information may only be withheld following consideration by the Senate of a properly founded claim of public interest immunity, as laid out in the order of the Senate of 13 May 2009 and reaffirmed multiple times since; and
 - (d) orders the Secretary of the Department of Defence to provide complete copies of the following documents to the Economics References Committee by no later than 5 pm on 16 October 2020:

- (i) Naval Group's:
 - (A) Australian Industry Capability (AIC) plan submitted under the competitive evaluation process from the then DCNS (November 2015) for the SEA1000 Project, and
 - (B) draft AIC plan and AIC strategy for the Australian Future Submarine Program (May 2018)
- (ii) in relation to the SEA1000 project:
 - (A) the draft AIC plan (including AIC schedules) submitted as part of the response by Naval Group,
 - (B) the draft AIC plan (including AIC schedules) submitted as part of the response by Lockheed Martin, and
 - (C) the AIC plans delivered to the Commonwealth by Naval Group and Lockheed Martin under their respective contracts,
- (iii) in relation to the SEA1180 project:
 - (A) the draft AIC plan (including AIC schedules) submitted as part of the response by Luerssen, and
 - (B) the AIC plan included in the contract at effective date,
- (iv) in relation to the SEA3036 project:
 - (A) the draft AIC plan (including AIC schedules) submitted as part of the response by Austal, and
 - (B) the AIC plan included in the contract at effective date, and
- (v) in relation to the SEA5000 project:
 - (A) the draft AIC plan (including AIC schedules) submitted as part of the response by BAE Systems,
 - (B) the overarching AIC strategy included in the head contract (at effective date),
 - (C) the AIC plan included in the head contract at effective date, and
 - (D) the AIC plan, which the department has previously advised was to be publicly released in the first quarter of 2020.

Notice of motion altered on 4 September 2020 pursuant to standing order 77

787 **Senator Urquhart:** To move—That—

- (1) The Senate notes that:
 - (a) on 19 August 2020, the Prime Minister and Minister for Health claimed to have signed a COVID-19 vaccine supply deal with AstraZeneca;
 - (b) when the Minister for Health quoted AstraZeneca in the House of Representatives on 1 September 2020, he omitted the company's clarification that it had only signed a 'letter of intent', and that 'there are still many details to be confirmed'; and
 - (c) in contrast to Australia's one letter of intent, at least 17 countries have signed at least 49 supply agreements, covering at least six billion doses of potential COVID-19 vaccines.

- (2) There be laid on the table, by the Minister representing the Minister for Health, by no later than 3.30 pm on 7 October 2020, the so-called ‘deal’ with AstraZeneca referred to by the Minister for Health.

Notice of motion altered on 3 September 2020 pursuant to standing order 77

788 **Senators McKenzie, Davey, Canavan, McDonald and McMahon:** To move—
That the Senate—

- (a) notes that border travel restrictions imposed by state and territory governments have negatively impacted the lives and livelihoods of hundreds of thousands of regional Australians who live and work across border communities;
- (b) further notes that many regional communities are being impacted despite having no local cases;
- (c) expresses concern where restrictions prevent or delay travel for:
 - (i) health purposes,
 - (ii) employment, particularly within the agricultural supply chain,
 - (iii) education:
 - (A) particularly for year 11 and 12 students, and
 - (B) boarding students returning to and from school term; and
- (d) urgently calls on state and territory governments to adopt:
 - (i) a clear national definition of a COVID-19 hotspot,
 - (ii) fair, expeditious and proportionate protocols for essential travel within low-risk regional border communities based on medical advice,
 - (iii) an Agricultural Worker Movement code,
 - (iv) a consistent protocol for boarding students, especially for rural, regional and remote students, and
 - (v) a consistent protocol for people requiring medical treatment regardless of the accessibility of the service in their home state.

789 **Senators Ciccone and Sterle:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) on 21 August 2020, the Prime Minister said that,
 - (A) National Cabinet noted that discussions had commenced on an Agriculture Workers Code and agreed further work be undertaken by agriculture ministers so that a paper could be considered by National Cabinet at its next meeting, and
 - (B) the code will provide for a nationally-consistent approach that would be enforced by relevant states and territories,
 - (ii) on 25 August 2020, National Cabinet agreed to develop a code and expected the code to be presented to state premiers within two weeks, and
 - (iii) on 1 September 2020, Senator McKenzie said the state and federal government must act immediately to get a national agricultural workers code in place;

- (b) further notes, the Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management (the Honourable David Littleproud MP) has failed to prioritise the development of the code;
- (c) recognises that the Morrison Government does not understand the urgency of the agricultural worker shortages; and
- (d) calls on the Government to explain:
 - (i) how the code will address the critical workforce shortages in the sector, and
 - (ii) when it will deliver the code.

790 **Senators Wong and Keneally:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) the Australian Government is responsible for borders, quarantine, and assisting Australians in jeopardy and stranded overseas,
 - (ii) the Prime Minister agreed to cap international passenger arrivals on 13 July 2020,
 - (iii) since then, the number of stranded Australians overseas has risen dramatically, with 27,000 Australians unable to get home,
 - (iv) over 3,000 of these Australians are classified as vulnerable by the Morrison Government, including many with health and financial concerns requiring urgent attention,
 - (v) the United Kingdom Government says Australia is the only country in the world to have actively restricted its citizens returning, and
 - (vi) the Government has no meaningful plan to lift flight caps or increase quarantine capacity, including identifying new quarantine facilities and training quarantine personnel; and
- (b) calls on the Government to take urgent steps to help every stranded Australian return home by:
 - (i) increasing the number of permitted arrivals under international flight caps through using Commonwealth resources to increase quarantine capacity,
 - (ii) stopping price gouging by airlines flying into Australia, and
 - (iii) putting all options on the table to return stranded Australians, especially from places like the United Kingdom, India, Philippines and Lebanon – including charter flights.

Notice of motion altered on 1 October 2020 pursuant to standing order 77

791 **Senators Hughes and Canavan:** To move—

- (1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on Tobacco Harm Reduction, be established to inquire into tobacco reduction strategies, with particular reference to:
 - (a) the treatment of nicotine vaping products (electronic cigarettes and smokeless tobacco) in developed countries similar to Australia (such as the United Kingdom, New Zealand, the European Union and United States), including but not limited to legislative and regulatory frameworks;
 - (b) the impact nicotine vaping products have had on smoking rates in these countries, and the aggregate population health impacts of these changes in nicotine consumption;
 - (c) the established evidence on the effectiveness of e-cigarettes as a smoking cessation treatment;
 - (d) the established evidence on the uptake of e-cigarettes amongst non-smokers and the potential gateway effect onto traditional tobacco products;
 - (e) evidence of the impact of legalising nicotine vaping products on youth smoking and vaping rates and measures that Australia could adopt to minimise youth smoking and vaping;
 - (f) access to e-cigarette products under Australia's current regulatory frameworks;
 - (g) tobacco industry involvement in the selling and marketing of e-cigarettes; and
 - (h) any other related matter.
- (2) That the committee present its final report on or before 1 December 2020.
- (3) That the committee consist of six senators, three nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, two nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, and one to be nominated by any minor party or independent senator.
- (4) That:
 - (a) participating members may be appointed to the committee on the nomination of the Leader of the Government in the Senate, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate or any minor party or independent senator;
 - (b) participating members may participate in hearings of evidence and deliberations of the committee, and have all the rights of members of the committee, but may not vote on any questions before the committee; and
 - (c) a participating member shall be taken to be a member of the committee for the purpose of forming a quorum of the committee.
- (5) That the committee may proceed to the dispatch of business notwithstanding that all members have not been duly nominated and appointed and notwithstanding any vacancy.

- (6) That the committee elect as chair one of the members nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate and as deputy chair a member nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate.
- (7) That the deputy chair shall act as chair when the chair is absent from a meeting of the committee or the position of chair is temporarily vacant.
- (8) That the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, may appoint another member of the committee to act as chair during the temporary absence of both the chair and deputy chair at a meeting of the committee.
- (9) That, in the event of an equally divided vote, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, has a casting vote.
- (10) That the committee have power to send for and examine persons and documents, to move from place to place, to sit in public or in private, notwithstanding any prorogation of the Parliament or dissolution of the House of Representatives, and have leave to report from time to time its proceedings, the evidence taken and such interim recommendations as it may deem fit.
- (11) That the committee be provided with all necessary staff, facilities and resources and be empowered to appoint persons with specialist knowledge for the purposes of the committee with the approval of the President.
- (12) That the committee be empowered to print from day to day such documents and evidence as may be ordered by it, and a daily Hansard be published of such proceedings as take place in public.

793 **Senator Patrick:** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the *Judges' Pensions Act 1968*, and for related purposes. ***Judges' Pensions Amendment (Pension Not Payable for Misconduct) Bill 2020.***

794 **Senator Kitching:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) Australia is in recession,
 - (ii) 520,000 workers have lost their jobs, over a million Australians are unemployed, and families are struggling to pay their bills,
 - (iii) on 31 March 2020, the Australia Post Chief Executive Officer (CEO) declared senior management would take 20% wage cuts and forsake any right to a bonus this year,
 - (iv) on 28 August, the *Sydney Morning Herald* (SMH) reported that the CEO had secretly reversed course and asked the Board to reinstate up to \$7 million in senior executive bonuses, contradicting her statement in March,
 - (v) on 2 September, the SMH reported that Australia Post had asked workers to volunteer to deliver parcels in their own cars, rather than hiring new workers, and
 - (vi) on 2 September, the Minister for Communications claimed that foregoing executive bonuses should be a quid pro quo for being granted permission to cut services;

- (b) considers it highly inappropriate that the CEO has sought to obtain millions in executive bonuses in the midst of a recession and service cuts, and in contradiction of promises made in March; and
- (c) calls on the Chair of Australia Post to wake up and stop this inappropriate handout from proceeding.

795 **Senator Hanson-Young:** To move—That the Senate notes that—

- (a) Adelaide Oval is a world-class stadium;
- (b) South Australia has a long and passionate history as an Australian Football League (AFL) loving state;
- (c) Port Adelaide is currently top of the AFL ladder;
- (d) Adelaide Crows fans were robbed of the inaugural AFLW home grand final in 2017 which was held on the Gold Coast;
- (e) South Australia has been COVID-19 free for months;
- (f) Queenslanders have little appreciation for the great sport of AFL; and
- (g) the AFL Grand Final should have been given to South Australia.

Notice given 3 September 2020

*796 **Senator Rennick:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) acknowledges:
 - (i) the lack of appropriate disposal mechanisms and technology for much of the toxic waste from solar panels, wind turbines and other renewable products in many states and territories, and
 - (ii) the significant environmental consequences the improper disposal of renewable energy waste products has on the environment; and
- (b) calls on state governments to collect environmental bonds on entities which control these assets, similar to those charged on oil and mining companies, to fund the development of appropriate waste disposal mechanisms for renewable energy waste.

*797 **Senator Roberts:** To move—That there be laid on the table, by the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology, by no later than 10 am on 8 October 2020, the following documents:

- (a) a letter from Dr Larry Marshall, Chief Executive of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation to the former Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, former Senator Sinodinos, dated 9 August 2017; and
- (b) the attachment to that letter titled ‘Response to issues raised with references at the 26 July 2017 briefing’ in full and without any redactions.

*798 **Senators Canavan, McKenzie, Davey, McDonald and McMahon:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) commends the role that Australian manufacturers have had in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic through the increased production of medical equipment;

- (b) notes:
 - (i) the importance of manufacturing in regional areas, particularly where industry is strong as a result of access to reliable and affordable energy sources such as coal and gas, and
 - (ii) that Australian manufacturing is disadvantaged by protectionist policies overseas and comparatively higher energy costs;
- (c) expresses its desire for an expanding manufacturing sector in Australia that increases employment in regional Australia and guarantees the protection of essential supply chains;
- (d) further notes that an expansion of Australian manufacturing depends on:
 - (i) local procurement policies,
 - (ii) investment in reliable and affordable energy, and
 - (iii) financial incentives such as instant tax write-offs that encourage investment;
- (e) acknowledges the work of the National COVID-19 Coordination Commission's manufacturing taskforce for engaging with industry to develop a plan to strengthen Australian manufacturing; and
- (f) commends the Liberals and Nationals in government for supporting manufacturing through the Manufacturing Modernisation Fund, instant asset write-offs, increasing local procurement and investigating the feasibility of reliable and affordable energy sources.

***799 Senator Rice:** To move—That there be laid on the table, by the Minister for Youth and Sport, by no later than 10 am on 8 October 2020:

- (a) a copy of the talking points prepared by the former Minister for Sport's office concerning the expansion of funding for the Community Sport Infrastructure Grants program, ahead of her meeting with the Prime Minister on 28 November 2018;
- (b) any records of that 28 November 2018 meeting;
- (c) the subsequent exchange of letters referring to that meeting as a basis for expanding funding for the Community Sport Infrastructure Grants program; and
- (d) any evidence the Government is able to provide for the Minister's legal authority to be the decision maker in the Community Sport Infrastructure Grants program.

***800 Senator McKim:** To move—That the Senate opposes bringing forward the start date of the already legislated personal income tax cuts.

***801 Senator Siewert:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) acknowledges that Australia is in recession for the first time in 30 years;
- (b) notes that the Government is actively considering bringing forward \$48 billion worth of personal income tax cuts in the October Budget that will give even more cash to millionaires and the super wealthy;

- (c) recognises that the Government is cutting the Coronavirus Supplement to the JobSeeker Payment by \$300 a fortnight on 25 September 2020 and refuses to confirm that the rate of JobSeeker will not return to \$40 a day in December; and
- (d) calls on the Government to drop planned tax cuts to the wealthy and invest in those on income support and on low incomes.

***802 Leader of the Australian Greens in the Senate (Senator Waters):** To move—
That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) 9 September 2020 marked one year since the Senate passed the Australian Greens' National Integrity Commission Bill 2018 (No. 2) to establish a Federal corruption watchdog with broad remit to investigate allegations of corruption and misconduct, and to ensure strong, independent oversight of the actions of parliamentarians,
 - (ii) polls consistently show that the majority of Australians support the establishment of a strong national anti-corruption body,
 - (iii) the Government has not brought the Greens' bill on for debate in the House of Representatives, and
 - (iv) despite public consultation ending more than 18 months ago, and statements that final legislation was 'imminent', the Government has yet to introduce legislation to establish an integrity commission; and
- (b) calls on the Government to:
 - (i) introduce a bill to establish a strong, independent national integrity commission, and
 - (ii) ensure that the 2020-21 Budget allocates adequate funding for the establishment and operation of a national integrity commission.

Attendance by Minister

1 **Centrelink's compliance program—Attendance by Minister**

That the Senate requires the Minister representing the Minister for Government Services to attend the Senate at the conclusion of question time on 6 October 2020 to provide an explanation, of no more than 10 minutes, of:

- (a) the Government's continued reliance on a rejected claim of public interest immunity in answers to questions on notice provided to the Community Affairs References Committee on 24 February 2020 in relation to the inquiry into Centrelink's compliance program;
- (b) whether it was the intention of the Minister for Government Services, or of officers of Services Australia, to show disregard for the 11 February 2020 resolution of the Senate by providing answers relying on that rejected claim for public interest immunity; and

- (c) the Minister for Government Services' failure to respond to that committee's correspondence of 6 April 2020 seeking clarification in relation to this matter.

(Motion of the Chair of the Community Affairs References Committee (Senator Siewert) agreed to 2 September 2020 following the adoption of the recommendations of the Committee in its third interim report—Centrelink's compliance program.)

Orders for production of documents

1 **Centrelink's Income Compliance Program—Legal advice—Order for production of documents**

- (1) That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Government Services, by no later than midday on 6 October 2020, either:
 - (a) revised responses to all questions relating to legal advice and the Income Compliance Program which have been subject to rejected claims of public interest immunity during the Community Affairs References Committee's inquiry into Centrelink's compliance program; or
 - (b) a letter confirming that these responses will provided in camera to the Community Affairs References Committee by no later than 5 pm on that same day.
- (2) In the event that the Minister fails to table these documents, the Senate requires the Minister representing the Minister for Government Services to attend the Senate at the conclusion of question time on 6 October 2020 to provide an explanation of the Minister's failure to table the documents.

(Motion of the Chair of the Community Affairs References Committee (Senator Siewert) agreed to 2 September 2020 following the adoption of the recommendations of the Committee in its third interim report—Centrelink's compliance program.)

2 **Centrelink's automated debt raising and recovery system—Order for production of documents**

- (1) That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Government Services, by no later than 12.00 pm on 6 October 2020, either:
 - (a) a copy of the Executive Minute to the Minister for Social Services, dated 12 February 2015, as referenced in the Commonwealth Ombudsman's April 2017 report into Centrelink's automated debt raising and recovery system; or
 - (b) a letter confirming that this Executive Minute will provided in camera to the Senate Community Affairs References Committee by no later than 5 pm on that same day.

- (2) In the event that the Minister fails to table either of these documents, the Senate requires the Minister representing the Minister for Government Services to attend the Senate at the conclusion of question time on 6 October 2020 to provide an explanation of the Minister's failure to table the document.

(Motion of the Chair of the Community Affairs References Committee (Senator Siewert) agreed to 2 September 2020 following the adoption of the recommendations of the Committee in its third interim report—Centrelink's compliance program.)

Business for future consideration

On the next sitting day (7 October 2020)

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 **Legislation Committees**

Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 30 April 2020.

On 8 October 2020

Business of the Senate—Notice of motion

Notice given 31 August 2020

- 1 **Chair of the Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation (Senator Fierravanti-Wells):** To move—That the Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Deferral of Sunsetting—Income Management and Cashless Welfare Arrangements) Determination 2020, made under the *Coronavirus Economic Response Package Omnibus Act 2020*, be disallowed [F2020L00572].

Twelve sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

*1 **Procedure—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on COVID-19 and the Senate.

2 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**

Report to be presented on water quality outcomes in the Great Barrier Reef.

On 12 October 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 **Economics Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Research and Development Tax Incentive) Bill 2019. *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*

Government Business—Order of the day

- 1 **Treasury Laws Amendment (Research and Development Tax Incentive) Bill 2019**—(*Assistant Minister for Finance, Charities and Electoral Matters, Senator Seselja*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*10 February 2020*).

On or before 13 October 2020

- 1 **Aboriginal Flag—Select Committee**

Final report to be presented.

On 14 October 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

- 1 **Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the Intelligence and Security Legislation Amendment (Implementing Independent Intelligence Review) Bill 2020. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

General business—Order of the day relating to private senators' bills

- 50 **Intelligence and Security Legislation Amendment (Implementing Independent Intelligence Review) Bill 2020—(Senate bill)**—(*Senator McAllister*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator McAllister, in continuation, 26 February 2020*).

On or before 31 October 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

- 1 **Road Safety—Joint Select Committee**

Final report to be presented.

On 4 November 2020

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

- *1 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Civil Aviation (Unmanned Aircraft Levy) Bill 2020 and the Civil Aviation Amendment (Unmanned Aircraft Levy Collection and Payment) Bill 2020. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

- *2 **Environment and Communications Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Clean Energy Finance Corporation Amendment (Grid Reliability Fund) Bill 2020. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

***3 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Radiocommunications Legislation Amendment (Reform and Modernisation) Bill 2020, the Radiocommunications (Receiver Licence Tax) Amendment Bill 2020, and the Radiocommunications (Transmitter Licence Tax) Amendment Bill 2020. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

***4 Economics Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Self Managed Superannuation Funds) Bill 2020. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

Government Business—Order of the day

1 Treasury Laws Amendment (Self Managed Superannuation Funds) Bill 2020—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (2 September 2020).

On 5 November 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

***1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Australia's Foreign Relations (State and Territory Arrangements) Bill 2020 and the Australia's Foreign Relations (State and Territory Arrangements) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2020. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

On 10 November 2020

Business of the Senate—Notice of motion

Notice given 27 August 2020

1 Leader of the Australian Greens in the Senate (Senator Waters): To move—That the Industry Research and Development (Bankable Feasibility Study on High-Efficiency Low-Emissions Coal Plant in Collinsville Program) Instrument 2020, made under the *Industry Research and Development Act 1986*, be disallowed [F2020L00772].

Eleven sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

***1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Economic Disruption) Bill 2020. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

On 12 November 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 **Education and Employment References Committee**

Report to be presented on General Motors Holden in Australia.

On 17 November 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 **Legislation Committees**

Reports to be presented on the 2020-21 Budget estimates.

On 20 November 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Bill 2019, the Family Court of Australia Bill 2019 and the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2019. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

On 23 November 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 **Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the Aged Care Legislation Amendment (Financial Transparency) Bill 2020. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

General business—Order of the day relating to private senators' bills

56 **Aged Care Legislation Amendment (Financial Transparency) Bill 2020—
(Senate bill)—(Senator Griff)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Griff, in continuation, 12 June 2020*).

On 26 November 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee**

Report to be presented on issues facing diaspora communities in Australia.

On 2 December 2020

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

1 **Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee**

Report to be presented on the regulation of auditing in Australia.

2 **Community Affairs References Committee**

Report to be presented on Centrelink's compliance program.

10 sitting days after today (3 December 2020)

Business of the Senate—Notices of motion

Notice given 27 August 2020

- 1 **Chair of the Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation (Senator Fierravanti-Wells):** To move—That the ASIC Corporations (Foreign Financial Services Providers—Foreign AFS Licensees) Instrument 2020/198, made under the *Corporations Act 2001*, be disallowed [F2020L00237].
Eleven sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.
- 2 **Chair of the Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation (Senator Fierravanti-Wells):** To move—That the ASIC Corporations (Foreign Financial Services Providers—Funds Management Financial Services) Instrument 2020/199, made under the *Corporations Act 2001*, be disallowed [F2020L00238].
Eleven sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

On 3 December 2020

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

- 1 **Economics References Committee**
Report to be presented on Australia's sovereign naval shipbuilding capability.
- 2 **Economics References Committee**
Report to be presented on regional inequality in Australia.
- 3 **Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**
Report to be presented on the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Donation Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2020. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

General business—Order of the day relating to private senators' bills

- 46 **Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Donation Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2020—(Senate bill)—(Senator Lambie)**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Lambie, in continuation, 5 February 2020*).

12 sitting days after today (8 December 2020)

Business of the Senate—Notice of motion

Notice given 1 September 2020

- 1 **Chair of the Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation (Senator Fierravanti-Wells):** To move—That the Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Amendment (Threshold Test) Regulations 2020, made under the *Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Act 1975*, be disallowed [F2020L00435].
Thirteen sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

On 8 December 2020

General business—Notice of motion

Notice given 4 December 2019

- 361 **Senator Kitching:** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to enable Australia to impose sanctions to promote compliance with international human rights law and respect for human rights or to deter significant corruption, and for related purposes. ***International Human Rights and Corruption (Magnitsky Sanctions) Bill 2020.***

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

- 1 **Administration of Sports Grants—Select Committee**
Report to be presented.
- 2 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee**
Report to be presented on nationhood, national identity and democracy.
- *3 **Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**
Report to be presented on the operation and management of the Department of Parliamentary Services.

On 9 December 2020

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

- 1 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**
Report to be presented on policy, regulatory, taxation, administrative and funding priorities for Australian shipping.
- 2 **Northern Australia—Joint Standing Committee**
Report to be presented on destruction of caves at the Juukan Gorge.

On or before the last sitting day of 2020 (10 December 2020)

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

- 1 **Effectiveness of the Australian Government's Northern Australia agenda—Select Committee**
Report to be presented.

On 16 December 2020

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

- 1 **Economics References Committee**
Report to be presented on Australia's oil and gas reserves.
- 2 **Economics References Committee**
Report to be presented on foreign investment proposals.

On the second sitting Wednesday of 2021

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

- 1 **Environment and Communications References Committee**
Report to be presented on Australia's faunal extinction crisis.
- 2 **Environment and Communications References Committee**
Report to be presented on the disclosure and reporting of sensitive and classified information.
- 3 **Environment and Communications References Committee**
Report to be presented on the impact of feral deer, pigs and goats in Australia.
- 4 **Environment and Communications References Committee**
Report to be presented on the impact of seismic testing on fisheries and the marine environment.
- 5 **Environment and Communications Legislation Committee**
Report to be presented on the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Climate Trigger) Bill 2020. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)
- 6 **Environment and Communications Legislation Committee**
Report to be presented on the Product Stewardship Amendment (Packaging and Plastics) Bill 2019. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

General business—Orders of the day relating to private senators' bills

- 31 **Product Stewardship Amendment (Packaging and Plastics) Bill 2019—(Senate bill)**—(*Senator Whish-Wilson*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Whish-Wilson, in continuation, 11 September 2019*).
- 48 **Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Climate Trigger) Bill 2020—(Senate bill)**—(*Senator Hanson-Young*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Rice, in continuation, 24 February 2020*).

On 11 February 2021

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

- 1 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**
Report to be presented on the road transport industry.
- 2 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**
Report to be presented on the management of the Inland Rail project.
- 3 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**
Report to be presented on Australia's dairy industry.
- 4 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**
Report to be presented on the Federal Government's drought response.

On the last sitting day of February 2021

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

- 1 **Australia's Family Law System—Joint Select Committee**
Report to be presented.

On the second sitting day of March 2021

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

- 1 **Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**
Report to be presented on the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Banning Dirty Donations) Bill 2020. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

General business—Order of the day relating to private senators' bills

- 58 **Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Banning Dirty Donations) Bill 2020—(Senate bill)**—(*Leader of the Australian Greens in the Senate, Senator Waters*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Waters, in continuation, 17 June 2020*).

On the second last sitting day of March 2021

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

- 1 **Community Affairs References Committee**
Report to be presented on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

On the last sitting day of March 2021

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

- 1 **Community Affairs References Committee**
Report to be presented on a possible cancer cluster on the Bellarine Peninsula.

On 16 April 2021

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

- 1 **Financial Technology and Regulatory Technology—Select Committee**
Report to be presented.

Within 6 months of the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters receiving the reference (29 May 2021)

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

- 1 **Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee**
Report to be presented on a review of the operation of the amendments, dealing with foreign donations and related matters, made by the *Electoral Legislation Amendment (Electoral Funding and Disclosure Reform) Act 2018*, to commence on the second anniversary for the Royal Assent of the *Electoral Legislation Amendment (Electoral Funding and Disclosure Reform) Act 2018*.
(*Bill received royal assent on 29 November 2018.*)

On the last sitting day of May 2021

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 **Procedure—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the temporary order in relation to formal motions and notices.

On the last sitting day of June 2021

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 **Economics References Committee**

Report to be presented on the unlawful underpayment of employees' remuneration.

On 30 June 2021

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

1 **Multi-Jurisdictional Management and Execution of the Murray Darling Basin Plan—Select Committee**

Report to be presented.

2 **Multi-Jurisdictional Management and Execution of the Murray Darling Basin Plan—Select Committee**

Report to be presented on the Constitution Alteration (Water Resources) 2019. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

General business—Order of the day relating to private senators' bills

11 **Constitution Alteration (Water Resources) 2019—(Senate bill)—(Senator Patrick)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Patrick, in continuation, 4 July 2019*).

On the last sitting day of the first sitting week in August 2021

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 **Temporary Migration—Select Committee**

Report to be presented.

On or before the first sitting day of October 2021

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 **Autism—Select Committee**

Report to be presented.

On the last sitting day 2021

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 **Finance and Public Administration References Committee**

Report to be presented on lessons learned in relation to the 2019-20 bushfire season.

On or before the second sitting day of May 2022

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

- 1 **Foreign Interference through Social Media—Select Committee**
Report to be presented.

On the last sitting day in May 2022

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

- 1 **Implementation of the National Redress Scheme—Joint Select Committee**
Report to be presented.

On or before 30 June 2022

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

- 1 **COVID-19—Select Committee**
Report to be presented.

Date unspecified

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

- *1 **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee**
Report to be presented on the provisions of the National Commissioner for Defence and Veteran Suicide Prevention (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2020 and the National Commissioner for Defence and Veteran Suicide Prevention (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2020. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

Other information

Bills currently before committees

Aged Care Legislation Amendment (Financial Transparency) Bill 2020 ‡

Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 18 June 2020; reporting date: 23 November 2020)

Australia's Foreign Relations (State and Territory Arrangements) Bill 2020 and related bill [provisions] ‡

Referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee (referred 3 September 2020; reporting date: 5 November 2020)

Civil Aviation (Unmanned Aircraft Levy) Bill 2020 and related bill [provisions] ‡

Referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (referred 3 September 2020; reporting date: 4 November 2020)

Clean Energy Finance Corporation Amendment (Grid Reliability Fund) Bill 2020 [provisions] ‡

Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 3 September 2020; reporting date: 4 November 2020)

Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Banning Dirty Donations) Bill 2020 ‡

Referred to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee (referred 18 June 2020; reporting date: the second sitting day of March 2021)

Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Donation Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2020 ‡

Referred to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee (referred 27 February 2020; reporting date: 3 December 2020)

Constitution Alteration (Water Resources) 2019 ‡

Referred to the Select Committee on the Multi-Jurisdictional Management and Execution of the Murray Darling Basin Plan (referred 12 September 2019; reporting date: 30 June 2021)

Crimes Legislation Amendment (Economic Disruption) Bill 2020 [provisions] ‡

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 3 September 2020; reporting date: 10 November 2020)

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Climate Trigger) Bill 2020 ‡

Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 27 February 2020; reporting date: on the second sitting Wednesday of 2021)

Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Bill 2019 and related bills [provisions] ‡

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 5 December 2019; reporting date: 20 November 2020)

Intelligence and Security Legislation Amendment (Implementing Independent Intelligence Review) Bill 2020 ‡

Referred to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee (referred 27 February 2020; reporting date: 14 October 2020)

National Commissioner for Defence and Veteran Suicide Prevention Bill 2020 and related bill [provisions] ‡

Referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee (referred 3 September 2020; unspecified reporting date)

Product Stewardship Amendment (Packaging and Plastics) Bill 2019 ‡

Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 12 September 2019; reporting date: on the second sitting Wednesday of 2021)

Radiocommunications Legislation Amendment (Reform and Modernisation) Bill 2020 and related bills [provisions] ‡

Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 3 September 2020; reporting date: 4 November 2020)

Treasury Laws Amendment (Research and Development Tax Incentive)**Bill 2019** ‡

Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 18 June 2020; reporting date: 12 October 2020)

Treasury Laws Amendment (Self Managed Superannuation Funds) Bill 2020 ‡

Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 3 September 2020; reporting date: 4 November 2020)

‡ Reference adopted by the Senate following a recommendation of the Selection of Bills Committee.

Bills discharged or negatived

Government bills

Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Ensuring Integrity) Bill 2019

Question that the bill, as amended, be agreed to was negatived in committee of the whole, 28 November 2019.

Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Ensuring Integrity No. 2) Bill 2019

Discharged, 11 June 2020.

Private senators' bills

Plebiscite (Future Migration Level) Bill 2018

Second reading negatived, 29 July 2019.

Protecting Australian Dairy Bill 2019

Second reading negatived, 11 November 2019.

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Ending the Poverty Trap) Bill 2018

Discharged, 17 June 2020.

Questions on notice

Questions remaining unanswered

Nos 1740, 1766, 1768, 1769, 1771 to 1779, 1784 to 1789, 1804, 1805, 1817, 1819, 1829, 1853, 1854, 1873, 1874, 1876, 1879 to 1881, 1883, 1884, 1886 to 1889, 1893 to 1897, 1900 to 1905, 1907 to 1942, 1944 to 1946, 1948 to 2004, 2006 to 2013, 2015 to 2020, 2022 to 2073 and 2075 to 2237.

Question nos, as shown, from 1740 to 1881 remain unanswered for 30 or more days (see standing order 74(5)).

The full text of Question on Notice and their answers are available online at [Questions on Notice](#).

Orders of the Senate

Allocation of departments/agencies

That departments and agencies be allocated to legislative and general purpose standing committees as follows:

Community Affairs

Health

Social Services, including Services Australia

Economics

Industry, Science, Energy and Resources **excluding** Energy and Small Business

Treasury

Education and Employment

Education, Skills and Employment, **including** Industrial Relations

Industry, Science, Energy and Resources, **excluding** Industry, Science, and Energy and Resources but **including** Small Business

Environment and Communications

Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications, **excluding** Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development

Agriculture, Water and the Environment, **excluding** Agriculture and Water

Industry, Science, Energy and Resources, **excluding** Industry, Science, and Resources

Finance and Public Administration

Finance

Parliament

Prime Minister and Cabinet

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

Defence, including Veterans' Affairs

Foreign Affairs and Trade

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

Attorney-General, **excluding** Industrial Relations

Home Affairs

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

Agriculture, Water and the Environment, **excluding** the Environment

Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications, **excluding** Communications

(Agreed to 13 February 2020)

Committees—Extensions of time to report

That, if required, the time for the presentation of reports on matters referred by the Senate to standing committees, select committees and joint committees may be extended by agreement of the committee, duly notified to the President.

(Agreed to 23 March 2020)

Hours of meeting and routine of business—Budget week

That the hours of meeting for Tuesday, 6 October 2020 be from midday to 6.30 pm and 8.30 pm to adjournment, and for Thursday, 8 October 2020 be from 9.30 am to 5.30 pm and 8 pm to adjournment, and that:

- (a) the routine of business from 8.30 pm on Tuesday, 6 October 2020 shall be:
 - (i) Budget statement and documents 2020-21, and
 - (ii) adjournment; and
- (b) the routine of business from 8 pm on Thursday, 8 October 2020 shall be:
 - (i) Budget statement and documents – party leaders and independent senators to make responses to the statement and documents for not more than 30 minutes each, and
 - (ii) adjournment.

(Agreed to 1 September 2020)

Meeting of Senate 2020 and estimates hearings 2020-21

- (1) That the days of meeting of the Senate for the remainder of 2020 be as follows:

Winter sittings:

Wednesday, 10 June to Friday, 12 June

Monday, 15 June to Thursday, 18 June

Spring sittings:

Tuesday, 4 August to Thursday, 6 August

Monday, 10 August to Thursday, 13 August

Monday, 24 August to Thursday, 27 August

Monday, 31 August to Thursday, 3 September

Tuesday, 6 October to Thursday, 8 October

Monday, 9 November to Thursday, 12 November

Monday, 30 November to Thursday, 3 December

Monday, 7 December to Thursday, 10 December.

- (2) That estimates hearings by legislation committees for 2020 be scheduled as follows:

2020-21 Budget estimates:

Monday, 19 October to Thursday, 22 October, and, if required, Friday, 23 October (Group A)

Monday, 26 October to Thursday, 29 October, and if required, Friday, 30 October, (Group B).

- (3) That cross portfolio estimates hearings on Indigenous matters and on Murray-Darling Basin Plan matters be scheduled for Friday, 23 and 30 October, but not restricted to these days.
- (4) That the committees consider the proposed expenditure in accordance with the allocation of departments and agencies to committees agreed to by the Senate.
- (5) That committees meet in the following groups:

Group A:

Environment and Communications
 Finance and Public Administration
 Legal and Constitutional Affairs
 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

Group B:

Community Affairs
 Economics
 Education and Employment
 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade.

- (6) That the committees report to the Senate on Tuesday, 17 November 2020 in respect of the 2020-21 Budget estimates.

(Agreed to 14 May 2020; supersedes version agreed to 14 November 2019 and altered 23 March 2020)

Contingent notices of motion

Conduct of business

- 1 **Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann):** To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a minister moving a motion to provide for the consideration of any matter.
- 2 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)**
Leader of the Australian Greens in the Senate (Senator Waters)
Leader of Pauline Hanson's One Nation (Senator Hanson)
Senator Griff
Senator Lambie
Senator Patrick
 To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the conduct of the business of the Senate or to provide for the consideration of any matter.

Formal business

- 3 **Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann)**
 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
 Leader of the Australian Greens in the Senate (Senator Waters)
 Leader of Pauline Hanson's One Nation (Senator Hanson)
 Senator Griff
 Senator Lambie
 Senator Patrick

To move (contingent on any senator objecting to a motion being taken as formal)—
 That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the motion being
 moved immediately and determined without amendment or debate.

- 4 **Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann)**
 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
 Leader of the Australian Greens in the Senate (Senator Waters)
 Leader of Pauline Hanson's One Nation (Senator Hanson)
 Senator Griff
 Senator Lambie
 Senator Patrick

To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to move an amendment to a
 motion discovered during formal business)—That so much of the standing orders be
 suspended as would prevent that senator moving the amendment to the motion.

- 4A **Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann)**

To move (contingent on any minister being refused leave to amend a motion prior to
 it being taken as formal)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would
 prevent that minister amending the motion.

- 4B **Senator Griff**
 Senator Patrick

To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to amend a motion prior to it
 being taken as formal)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would
 prevent that senator amending the motion.

Limitation of time

- 5 **Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann):** To move
 (contingent on the chair declaring that the time allotted for the consideration of a bill,
 or any stage of a bill, has expired)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended
 as would prevent further consideration of the bill, or the stage of the bill, without
 limitation of time or for a specified period.

Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
Leader of the Australian Greens in the Senate (Senator Waters)
Leader of Pauline Hanson's One Nation (Senator Hanson)
Senator Griff
Senator Lambie
Senator Patrick

- 6 To move (contingent on a minister moving a motion that a bill be considered an urgent bill)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent debate taking place on the motion.
- 7 To move (contingent on a minister moving a motion to specify time to be allotted to the consideration of a bill, or any stage of a bill)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent the motion being debated without limitation of time and each senator speaking for the time allotted by standing orders.
- 8 To move (contingent on the chair declaring that the time allotted for the consideration of a bill, or any stage of a bill, has expired)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent further consideration of the bill, or the stage of the bill, without limitation of time or for a specified period.

Matters of urgency

- 9 **Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann):** To move (contingent on the moving of a motion to debate a matter of urgency under standing order 75)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a minister moving an amendment to the motion.
- 10 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)**
Leader of the Australian Greens in the Senate (Senator Waters)
Leader of Pauline Hanson's One Nation (Senator Hanson)
Senator Griff
Senator Lambie
Senator Patrick
 To move (contingent on the moving of a motion to debate a matter of urgency under standing order 75)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a senator moving an amendment to the motion.

Order of business

- 11 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)**
Leader of the Australian Greens in the Senate (Senator Waters)
Leader of Pauline Hanson's One Nation (Senator Hanson)
Senator Griff
Senator Lambie
Senator Patrick
 To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the order of business on the *Notice Paper*.

Questions without notice

- 12 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)**
 Leader of the Australian Greens in the Senate (Senator Waters)
 Leader of Pauline Hanson's One Nation (Senator Hanson)
 Senator Griff
 Senator Lambie
 Senator Patrick

To move (contingent on a minister at question time on any day asking that further questions be placed on notice)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion that, at question time on any day, questions may be put to ministers until 30 questions, including supplementary questions, have been asked and answered.

Statements

- 13 **Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann)**
 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
 Leader of the Australian Greens in the Senate (Senator Waters)
 Leader of Pauline Hanson's One Nation (Senator Hanson)
 Senator Griff
 Senator Lambie
 Senator Patrick

To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to make a statement to the Senate)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent that senator making that statement.

Tabling of documents

- 14 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)**
 Leader of the Australian Greens in the Senate (Senator Waters)
 Leader of Pauline Hanson's One Nation (Senator Hanson)
 Senator Griff
 Senator Lambie
 Senator Patrick

To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to table a document in the Senate)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving that the document be tabled.

Appointments to statutory authorities

Council of the National Library of Australia

Senator Bilyk (*appointed 1 August 2019, for a period of 3 years*).

National Archives of Australia Advisory Council

Senator Carr (*appointed 1 August 2019, for a period of 3 years*).

Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Trust

Senators Abetz and Carr (*appointed 1 August 2019*).

Temporary chairs of committees

Senators Askew, Bilyk, Brockman, Brown, Chandler, Faruqi, Fawcett, Fierravanti-Wells, Gallacher, Griff, Kitching, McGrath, McLachlan, Polley, O'Neill, Marielle Smith, Sterle, Stoker and Walsh

RICHARD PYE
Clerk of the Senate

Ministerial representation

MINISTERS	REPRESENTING
Senator the Honourable Mathias Cormann Minister for Finance <i>Vice-President of the Executive Council</i> <i>Leader of the Government in the Senate</i>	Prime Minister Minister for the Public Service Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service and Cabinet Minister for Population, Cities and Urban Infrastructure Treasurer Assistant Treasurer Minister for Housing
Senator the Honourable Simon Birmingham Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment <i>Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate</i>	Minister for the Environment Minister for Resources, Water and Northern Australia Minister Assisting the Minister for Trade and Investment Minister for Education Minister for Decentralisation and Regional Education (excluding Decentralisation) Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction
Senator the Honourable Marise Payne Minister for Foreign Affairs Minister for Women	Minister for International Development and the Pacific Attorney-General Minister for Industrial Relations
Senator the Honourable Richard Colbeck Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians Minister for Youth and Sport	
Senator the Honourable Michaelia Cash Minister for Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business	Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development Minister for Health Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government (excluding Regional Communications and Local Government) Minister for Home Affairs Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs Minister for Industry, Science and Technology
Senator the Honourable Linda Reynolds, CSC Minister for Defence	Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts Minister for Veterans' Affairs Minister for Defence Personnel Assistant Defence Minister Minister for Defence Industry
Senator the Honourable Anne Ruston Minister for Families and Social Services <i>Manager of Government Business in the Senate</i>	Minister for Indigenous Australians Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government (excluding Regional Health) Minister for Decentralisation and Regional Education (excluding Regional Education) Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme Minister for Government Services
ASSISTANT MINISTERS – DESIGNATED AS PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES UNDER THE MINISTERS OF STATE ACT 1952	
Senator the Honourable Jane Hume Assistant Minister for Superannuation, Financial Services and Financial Technology	
Senator the Honourable Zed Seselja Assistant Minister for Finance, Charities and Electoral Matters	
Senator the Honourable Jonathon Duniam Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries Assistant Minister for Regional Tourism	

Senate sittings and estimates hearings for 2020

February					March				
m	t	w	t	f	m	t	w	t	f
3	4	5	6	7	2†	3†	4†	5†	6
10	11	12	13	14	9	10	11	12	13
17	18	19	20	21	16	17	18	19	20
24✂	25	26	27	28	23	24	25	26	27
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April					May				
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13	14	15	16	17	11	12	13✂	14	15
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27	28	29	30		25	26	27	28	29
June					July				
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22	23	24	25	26	20	21	22	23	24
29	30				27	28	29	30	31
August					September				
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24	25	26	27	28	21	22	23	24	25
31					28	29	30		
October					November				
m	t	w	t	f	m	t	w	t	f
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19‡	20‡	21‡	22‡	23‡	23	24	25	26	27
26‡	27‡	28‡	29‡	30‡	30				
December									
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28	29	30	31						

Key

✂ = Date of Senate ½ Cut-Off

B = Budget

† = Additional estimates

‡ = Budget estimates

± = Supplementary Budget estimates